

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 110

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 97

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This measure would recognize the week of April 2, 2006, to April 8, 2006, inclusive, as National Library Week, would applaud the positive and vital impact of California's public libraries, librarians, and all library workers, and would thank them.

WHEREAS, National Library Week is being celebrated in public libraries throughout California from April 2 through April 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries are centers for education, information, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries and librarians advance teaching and learning by helping students, faculty, and researchers obtain the best, most accurate, and complete information; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries are changing and dynamic places, offering computers, Internet access, e-mail reference, and other innovative services to connect their users with ideas and information; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries provide technology training for patrons of all ages and help to bridge the "digital divide" for those who do not have access to technology at home or at school; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries change lives by serving over 100,000 adults and children annually through customized literacy services delivered primarily through trained volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Students are a rapidly growing group of library users, visiting the state's public libraries after school and on weekends for homework assistance and for materials to use in school assignments; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries are important community educational resources, providing innovative programs for youth such as preschool literacy readiness, Toddler Times, the Summer Reading Program, Homework Help Centers, Grandparents and Books, and Reach Out and Read in conjunction with pediatric clinics; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries preserve our cultural heritage, inform our present, and inspire our future; and

WHEREAS, More than 20 million people use California's public libraries annually; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries provide equal and economical services and, in many cases, serve as a community's only public point of access to resources for learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California recognizes the week of April 2 to April 8, 2006, as National Library Week, applauds the positive and vital impact of California's public libraries, librarians, and all library workers, and thanks them for enriching the lives of residents and helping to make our state an exceptional place to live, learn, and work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.